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WEDNESDAY
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Had a pleasant talk with Ellen and Jim this morning, then went to Abercrombie and Fitch to spy out trifling presents. Continued this process up Fifth A[illegible]eeting several friends and acquaintances. Went to see Ailsa and her mother, [redacted]-then lunched with Lysette Makaroff.

PZ went with us to the air terminal but we had been misinformed as to the time for the bus departure and missed it. A hectic taxi drive to Idlewild, but all was well. The plane took off at five p.m. and was due thirteen hours later in Paris. I had a good talk with Harold Stassen and read Herbert Feis's book on China. I was sorry to have missed the Fiftieth Anniversary dinner tonight at The Brook, over which Jim, as President, is presiding.

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